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Little Miss Muffet,
sat on a tuffet,

eating her curds
and whey.



Along came a
spider,



who dropped down
beside her



and frightened Miss
Muffet away.

“Help!” cried
Miss Muffet.



She ran from her tuffet

and into the woods
down below.



“Come back!” called
the spider.



He rushed off
to find her.

“I’m sorry for scaring
you so.”



The little girl sighed.

“Now I’m lost! I’ll be stuck here all night.”

“What a bad place to hide.”



Then she heard
a deep growl



and an ear-splitting
howl.

OWWWW OOOOOO!



They gave poor Miss
Muffet a fright.

A big wolf jumped out.
He said with a shout,

"It's time for my dinner,
my dear."



“I’ll have little girl pie!”



“Put her down!” came
a cry.



“Don’t worry –
Seb Spider is here.”

The wolf gave a smile.
“I do like your style.

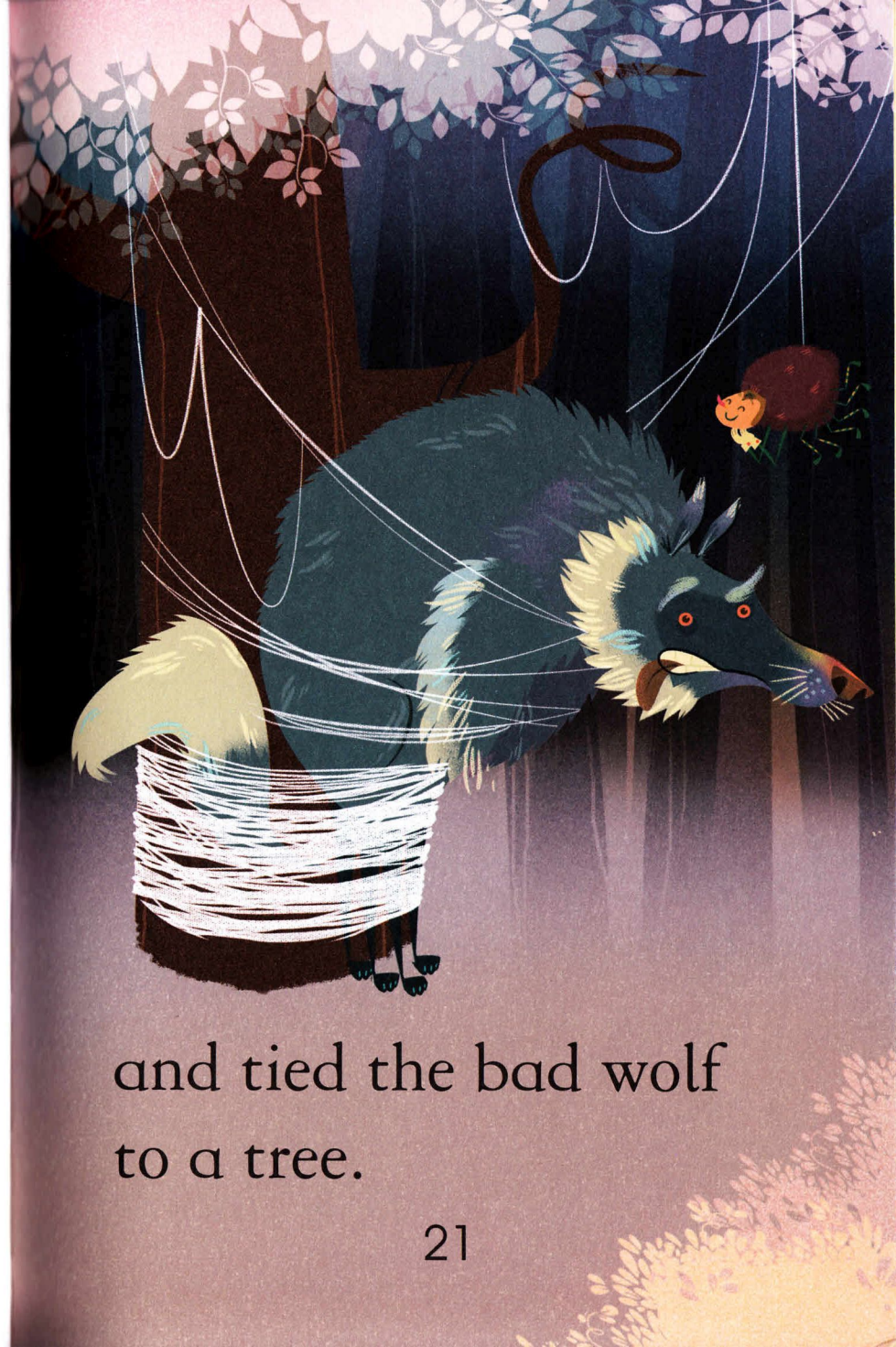
But what can you do
against me?”



“I’ll show you,” said Seb.



He spun a strong web



and tied the bad wolf
to a tree.

Miss Muffet said, “Seb,
what a wonderful web.



Now let's go!"

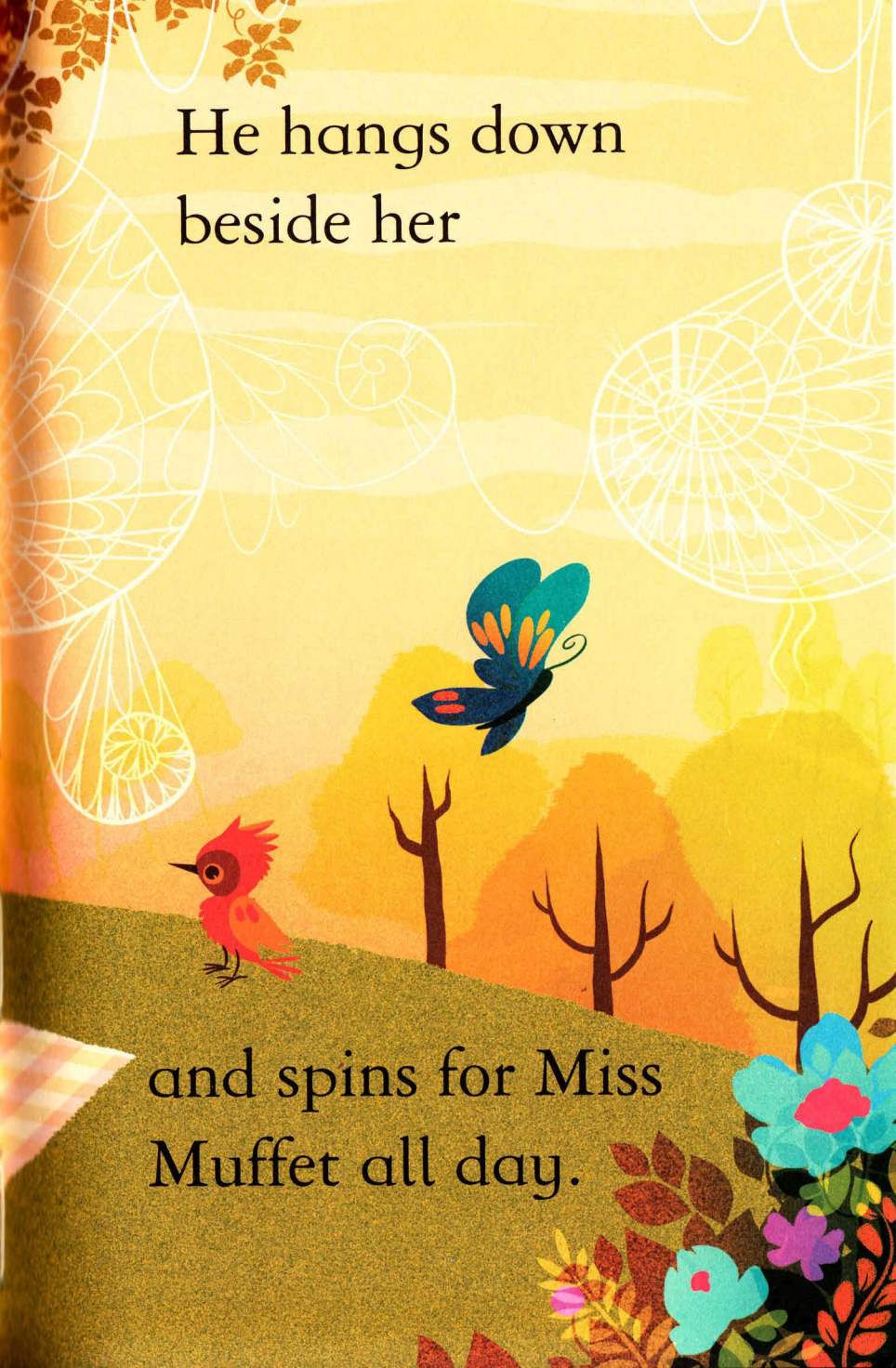


So Seb showed
her the way.

Now she's friends with
Seb Spider.



He hangs down
beside her



and spins for Miss
Muffet all day.

PUZZLES

Puzzle 1

Can you spot the differences between these two pictures?
There are six to find.



Puzzle 2

Find these things in
the picture:

spider

book

tree



web

girl

bird

Puzzle 3

Choose the best speech bubble
for each picture.



Answers to puzzles

Puzzle 1



Puzzle 2



Puzzle 3



Come back!



Put her down!

About the rhyme

The original version of *Little Miss Muffet* first appeared in print over two hundred years ago.



Curd is thickened milk used to make cheese.

Whey is a watery liquid made when the milk is thickened.



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a great big spider wants to join her picnic.
Luckily, he's a friendly fellow who comes to her rescue
in this charming retelling of the classic nursery rhyme.



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